

the minimum wage is at a 40-year low. We know that 58 percent of the people on minimum wage are women who are struggling. The majority leader says he wants to get hold of that gender gap and make it smaller. He has a shot at doing that, it seems to me, if he would embrace this idea. If we could send a clean bill to the President, that is going to be good for the country, good for women, good for families.

So I think we are really close to an agreement, I say to my friend. We are getting there. And I think if the majority leader would work with the leadership in the House the way he did on the budget, getting certain guarantees, getting agreement on how both Houses would handle it and do the same thing on minimum wages, we will be here passing that minimum wage, addressing the issue of the gas tax and the other issues that my friend is anxious to address.

So I look forward to seeing us move together. I think the American people want us to reach across the party aisle. They are really crying out for that. And we have an opportunity to do it. I think the President gave us the way. He said: Send me a clean bill on the gas tax; send me a clean bill on minimum wage.

I think we can make that happen. And if we do, everyone has fulfilled his or her responsibility, it seems to me, to his or her constituencies.

So I am not overly pessimistic at the turn of events because I think we are making some progress, but I think we can really do better. I look forward to the budget debate that is coming tomorrow. I look forward to debating my friend again on some of those issues—Medicare, Medicaid, education, environment, deficit reduction, earned income tax credit. These are so important to the well-being of the people.

With an increase in the minimum wage, I have to say that can do more to change the lives of working people for the better than almost anything else we can do. And I hope we will see it done. I hope we will cross party lines to do it. I might note that we have been blocked from doing it. A majority of the Senate has voted to increase the minimum wage. The majority leader has filled the tree to block us from offering it on certain bills. I just look forward to the day when the majority here, the majority of Senators here, get to vote on that minimum wage and we do the business of the people.

I thank the Presiding Officer very much.

Mr. President, as I understand it, this has completed the Senate's business.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate now

stands in adjournment until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5:58 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 15, 1996, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 14, 1996:

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be admiral

VICE ADM. J. PAUL REASON, 000-00-0000

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. (SELECTEE) PATRICIA A TRACEY, 000-00-0000

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. (SELECTEE) JAMES O. ELLIS, JR., 000-00-0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT AS RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212, TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, TO PERFORM DUTIES AS INDICATED.

DENTAL CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

THOMAS R. BIRD, 000-00-0000
WILLIAM A. DYKES, JR., 000-00-0000

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 12203 AND 8379, TITLE 10 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE. PROMOTIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 8379 AND CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE UNDER SECTION 12203 SHALL BEAR AN EFFECTIVE DATE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8374, TITLE 10 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

LINE

WARREN J. ANDERSEN, 000-00-0000
PHILIP M. BENDER, 000-00-0000
MICHAEL F. BROWN, 000-00-0000
ROGER C. CHENOWETH, 000-00-0000
RAFAEL A. ROVIRA, 000-00-0000
RAYMOND R. TERRY, 000-00-0000
KIMBERLY A. TOWNSEND, 000-00-0000
BARCLAY A. TREHAL, 000-00-0000

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERALS DEPARTMENT

To be lieutenant colonel

GRANT V. BERGGREN, 000-00-0000
ESTHER A. RADA, 000-00-0000

CHAPLAIN CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

STEVEN P. CORUM, 000-00-0000
RALPH S. ENGLISH, 000-00-0000
JULIUS JEFFERSON, 000-00-0000

MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

PETER J. GOODMAN, 000-00-0000

MEDICAL CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

DOUGLAS T. CROMACK, 000-00-0000
ERIK L. JOHNSON, 000-00-0000
LEROY H. PARKS, 000-00-0000

DENTAL CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

MARK S. JOHNSON, 000-00-0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE UNDER SECTION 307 OF TITLE 32, UNITED STATES

CODE, AND SECTIONS 12203 AND 8363 OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.

To be colonel

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JAMES H. FLYNN, 000-00-0000
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DAVID L. JONES, 000-00-0000
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WILLIAM N. SEARCY, 000-00-0000
GARY M. SHANNON, 000-00-0000
HOMER A. SMITH, 000-00-0000
DERLE M. SNYDER, 000-00-0000
RALPH B. STEWART, JR., 000-00-0000
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MICHAEL J. PALETTA, 000-00-0000
RICHARD B. TERRY, 000-00-0000

NURSE CORPS

SUSAN J. AUGUSTUS, 000-00-0000
CAROL ANN FAUSONE, 000-00-0000

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES CORPS

ALBERT L. SHERBURNE, 000-00-0000

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive Nominations Confirmed by the Senate May 14, 1996:

IN THE COAST GUARD

VICE ADMIRAL RICHARD D. HERR, U.S. COAST GUARD TO BE VICE COMMANDANT, U.S. COAST GUARD, WITH THE GRADE OF ADMIRAL WHILE SO SERVING.